

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A golf bag having a closed base and a top with at least one aperture therethrough so as to receive at least one shaft of a golf club, said base and said top being interconnected by means of an appropriately rigid spine member and at least one tubular member which has its ends secured relative to said base and said top, characterised in that said at least one tubular member has having a series of apertures through the side walls of said tube at least one tubular member and the at least one tubular member being adapted to be compressed laterally;

wherein said golf bag has a removable cover adapted to cover the exposed surface of the at least one tubular member.

2. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein at least one tubular member has a mesh construction.

3. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein the shape of said apertures is selected from one of or a combination of one or more of the following: circular, square, rectangular, diamond shaped, rhombic, pentagonal, hexagonal, octagonal.

4. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said at least one tubular member is formed as a tube by a moulding process.

5. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said at least one tubular member is formed from an elongated piece of sheet material with the longitudinal sides of said sheet material being joined end to end.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein a web member extends from said spine portion member in opposite directions around said golf bag.

8. (Currently Amended) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said web portion member is located adjacent both said top and said base.

9. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein a substantial proportion of the length of said at least one tubular member is not covered by a web portion.

10. (Currently Amended) A golf bag according to claim 6 1, wherein said spine member is hollow.

11. (Currently Amended) A golf bag according to claim 6 1, wherein said spine member receives a handle member which can move into and out of said rigid spine member.

12. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said top and said base are of substantially the same shape in plan view.

13. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag is a composite of a first and second portion.

14. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 13, wherein said first portion has a base and a top which is in part the same shape as said base.

15. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 13, wherein said second portion has a top and a base which are similar in plan view.

16. (Currently Amended) A golf bag according to claim 4 13, wherein said first portion has a base and a top which is in part the same shape as said base, said second portion has a top and base which are similar in plan view and wherein the base of said second portion fits into the base of said first portion, with said top of said second portion being of a shape which complements the shape of said top of said first portion to form a combined shape which is substantially the same as said base of said first portion.

17. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag is a composite of a first and a second portion and both said first and second portions have at least one tubular member having a series of lateral apertures therethrough.

18. (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag is a composite of a first and a second portion and the first and second portion of said golf bag are held together by a removable cover.

20. (Currently Amended) A golf bag according to claim + 16, wherein ~~said golf bag~~ is a composite of a first and a second portion and a latch mechanism holds said tops together.

21. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag is a composite of a first and a second portion and said first and second portions have complementary nesting surfaces wherein said second portion can be nested within said first portion.

22. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 21, wherein said nesting surfaces are provided along one side of each of said first and second portions along a substantial length thereof.

23. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag has a removable cover and said cover is made from a synthetic or natural cloth or material.

24. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag has a removable cover and said cover is flexible or at least in part rigid or at least in part flexible or rigid.

25. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag has a removable cover and the cover is secured to said bag via surfaces on said top and base members or adjacent thereto.

26. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag has a removable cover and said cover is secured by means of one or more of the following: hook and loop fixing members, spigots and eyelets, zippers, buttons, press studs.

27. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein there is a plurality of tubular members and apertures through said top.

28. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag includes a fitment on a side thereof said fitment allowing an undercarriage to be clamped thereto, said undercarriage have two first class levers with a common fulcrum whereby said fitment is clamped by proximal ends of said levers when said distal ends are spaced from each other.

29. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 28, wherein the proximal ends of said levers have wheels rotatably mounted thereto.

30. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 28, wherein said levers are held in space relation to each other by a strut.

31. (Previously Presented) A golf bag according to claim 1, wherein said golf bag includes a fitment on a side thereof, said fitment allowing an undercarriage to be clamped thereto, said undercarriage has two first class levers with a common fulcrum whereby said fitment is clamped by proximal ends of said levers when said distal ends are spaced from each other, said levers are held in space relation to each other by a strut and said strut is an adjustable length or of a hinged construction.

32. (Previously v) A golf bag according to claim 31, wherein said undercarriage can be detached and collapsed by collapsing said strut.

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